

Dear Chairman Powell and the FCC,

After 25 years as a local television professional, I left the industry in 2004.

Once a powerful shaper of public opinion, and a vigilant vanguard of our society, local television has degenerated mainly to a tool of propaganda and commercialism.

It seems as if the standards are being systematically lowered to where substance and meaning have been lost.

How can a news program even laughably pretend to be objective with 50% or more of the content in its block being advertising?

How can diverse and evolving viewpoints be represented without diversity of ownership?

A free press, guaranteed by the Constitution, serves as an additional check and balance to keep our nation strong and its leaders accountable.

As many others have requested, heed our plea to hold a public hearing in state of Ohio.